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SPORTS



The women's basketball team won their annual tournament, the Wildcat Classic, this weekend. Go to kstatecollegian.com for stories about the game.

EDGE

Searching for the perfect look for this season? Check out Page 6 for a story about winter makeup.

Turn to Page 8 to read about a Big Bad jazz concert in McCain.



SPECIAL SERIES: PART 1 OF 5

Student recounts painful conversion therapy, abuse

EDITORS NOTE: This is part one of a five — part series addressing the gay community and its relationship to organized religion. Parts one and two are a profile of a K-State student, whose name was changed for anonymity, who underwent a conversion therapy program as a child. The reference to LGBTQI stands for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, questioning and inter-sex.

> By Jason Miller KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It all began with a Playboy.

On a missionary compound, the Playboy magazine was far from ordinary and it caused quite a commotion among the teenage boys. Except one: Thomas Swanson, who saw the photos with his friends and felt confused.

"I went up to my dad and just asked him why I didn't like this, but I liked my best friend very much," Swanson said. "I had a crush on him, and that was the first night my dad sent me to the emergency

Upon hearing Swanson's question, his father, Mark, continued to punch him until he blacked out and later awoke in the emergency room. This was far from the first time Swanson, a K-State student who did not want his real name be used, had recounted his story of parental abuse and extreme measures to change his same-sex attraction.

AN ATYPICAL CHILDHOOD

Swanson spent much of his time as a child moving. While this may not be common for many children in America, for Swanson's family of missionaries it was normal.

By age 13, he had lived in four countries and in more than 10 states. Spending so much time relocating, Swanson formed an intense bond with his family.

'My parents and I have a cement relationship, hours and hours of talking to them each day," he said. In many of the places he lived, no one but his fam-

ily members spoke English, forcing them to bond. Swanson's options for friends and contact with the outside world were limited, as he was home schooled and had only one sibling.

CONFUSED THROUGH PUBERTY

The first time his father sent him to the emergency room, the family was living in Florida.

Having shared such a close relationship with his father, Swanson never gave a second thought to asking him about being attracted to boys. His father physically demonstrated his opinion about Swanson's attraction.

"I like to call that the 'beat the gay out stage,"

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Essential Excellence



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Seven of the 14 contestants in the K-State chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Miss Black And Gold Contest pose in front of the crowd that gathered in Forum Hall Saturday evening.

Pageant showcases minority women's beauty

Eli B Neal KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

She drew a roaring applause during a speech about the continued importance of fight for racial equality, she wowed the crowd as she cried "This is a man's world, but it wouldn't be nothing with out a woman," during her soulful performance of the James Brown classic, and she sealed the deal with the her academic success and career ambitions.

The Miss Black and Gold Pageant, which is in its 11th year, was created to uplift African-American women on K-State's campus. The theme was "The Essence of Ebony."

"The reason we started the pageant is because historically, black women in the media have not been seen in a positive light," said Michael Davis, junior in animal sciences and industry and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "For instance, they have been told their hair was too nappy. What we want to show here is not only the beauty but the intelligence of black women, and offer a venue for them to showcase their beauty, talent and their intelligence."

Those in attendance were generally impressed by the quality of the event.

"I thought it was an excellent event; all the women were beautiful," said Seth Ellis, junior in secondary education. "They were all well-spoken, and it was just all together a



Angela Muhwezi, winner Miss Black and Gold 2009-2010 contest, hugs the the 2008-2009 pageant runner-up.

Contestants were judged in a number of categories including GPA, career wear, swimwear, formal wear, a talent section for contestants to showcase their various talents and their responses during the question and answer

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Wildcat defense shines in win over Cougars



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN Junior forward Dominique Sutton goes for a lay up during the Wildcat's game against Washington State Saturday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

By Grant Guggisberg

Last Wednesday, junior guard Dominique Sutton was assigned the task of guarding the nation's second-leading scorer, Washington State's sophomore guard Klay Thompson.

Sutton played well enough on Saturday night to earn praise from his coach, while forcing Thompson into three traveling violations in the first four minutes of the game. Thompson finished with a game-high nine turnovers while Sutton scored a career-high 16 points.

"I can't commend Dom and our team enough," head coach Frank Martin said. "We guarded the basketball and kept it further away from the basket. We fought through screens. Dom and Jake [Pullen] basically had the responsibility of guarding him and I think we did a fairly good

The Wildcats (7-1) outplayed the Cougars (6-2) from start to finish, with a K-State-record 39 points stemming from Washington State turnovers. K-State was led by the backcourt tandem of junior Jacob Pullen and senior Denis Clemente, who each scored 21 points. Defensively, the team held Thompson to just 22 points - four points below his season scoring average – behind a high intensity level that Martin claimed was from a week of good practices.

"We were good on Wednesday, we were better on Thursday, we were better yesterday and we talked about that," Martin said. "We don't have to be perfect, but let's get better and be enthusias-

tic about what we do.' Martin said he told the team they were prepared to win the game because of how they had practiced that week.

Saturday's game had two career milestones for Martin, with the Wildcat coach earning his 50th career victory and his first career technical foul. Martin is the third-fastest coach in K-State history to reach 50 wins, doing it in just 75 tries.

After a close game against Division II Fort Hays State on Tuesday, Martin was critical of his young players as he accused them of not giving their best efforts. On Saturday, Martin said the media was

reading too much into his comments. "You guys look too deep into things sometimes," Martin said. "They are my guys and I am their guy. It is like raising a child, if they do right, I applaud them and when they do not, I'll tell them what they are doing wrong.

The Wildcats started the game with a 7-0 run behind an old-fashioned threepoint play by Sutton. K-State extended its lead to 19-4 with help from the bench, with freshman guard Martavious Irving hitting back-to-back 3-pointers. The Cougars scored the majority of their first-half points from the free-throw line, converting on 17 tries. Only nine of their first half points came from field

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POLICE REPORT

Car crash sends three to hospital

By Sarah Rajewski KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Three women were transported to Mercy Regional Health Center after two vehicles collided Thursday, according to a report from the Riley

County Police Department.

Katherine Langton, 81, Marcia
Wood, 60, and Mabel Hinkin, 78, were transported after a collision at Southwind Place and Seth Child Road, according to the report. Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of RCPD said one of the women was airlifted to another hospital, but said he did not know which one.

Dale Dennison, 36, of Junction City, was driving a Highland Dairy truck northbound on Seth Child Road, according to the report. Langton, of 2000 Claflin Road, was driving a 2000 Chrysler and was southbound on Seth Child Road, Crosby said.

Wood, of Greenwood Village, Colo., and Hinkin, 1925 Plymouth Road, were passengers in Langton's car, according to the report.

Dennison turned to go left on Southwind Place when he collided with Langton's vehicle, according to the report. Crosby said the collision was still under investigation.



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It's clash week on the Opinion page all week. Check out **Page 4** to see what our writers are debating today.

Who do you clash with most?



Sophomore, mechanical engineering

Reporters.



KU fans.



Sophomore, communication

sciences and disorders



People who are overly confident. "

Senior, mass communications

Matt Ludwick



Sophomore, elementary education

Lindsey Gerow

THE PLANNER

Janet Yates

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Lafene Health Center will be having an H1N1 flu vaccine clinic from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today in K-State Student Union's Forum Hall. The H1N1 vaccine is available for all, except pregnant women.

Aaron Osnei

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mohamed Ishak Mohamed Ismail at 11 a.m. today in Cardwell Hall 133. The thesis topic is "Lower Bounds for Heights in Cyclotomic Extensions and Related Problems.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Wijith Prasantha Munasinghe at 2:30 p.m. today in Waters Hall 350. The thesis topic is "Cluster-Based Lack of Fit Tests for Nonlinear Regression

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Salissou Issa at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Weber Hall 221. The thesis topic is "Nutritional Value of Sorghums for Poultry Feeds in West Africa."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hongwang Wang at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Chemistry/Biochemistry Building 437. The thesis topic is "I. Studies of NHC-Palladium(IV) Species in C-H bond Activation Process, II. Synthesis of Functionalized Bimagnetic Core/Shell Iron/Iron Oxide Nanoparticles for the Treatment of Cancer."

Lafene Health Center will have two combined vaccine clinics Thursday at Lafene. The clinics are heald from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The H1N1 vaccine is available for all, except pregnant women, and the seasonal flu vaccine will also be available. More information about cost and forms is available at k-state.edu/ lafene/h1n1fluvaccine.htm and k-state.edu/ lafene/flushot.htm.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Douglas Wallace at noon Thursday in Waters Hall 224. The thesis topic is "Violent Delinquency in America – The Determinants of Carrying Firearms Among Juveniles: A Theoretical Comparative Analysis."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Satyabrata Das at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Chalmers Hall 36. The thesis topic is "Role of PKC in the Regulation of Lens Gap Junctions."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Adam Sparks at 11 a.m. Dec. 14 in Throckmorton Hall 2002. The thesis topic is "Disease Risk Mapping with Metamodels for Coarse Resolution Predictors."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Candace Walton at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in Bluemont Hall 368. The thesis topic is "An Investigation of Academic Dishonesty Among Undergraduates at Kansas State University."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hao Yan at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 in Cardwell Hall 119. The thesis topic is "Solubility Phase Transition Behavior of Gold Nanoparticles in Colloidal Solution."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ann Sanders at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 in Justin Hall 254. The thesis topic is "The Goodness of Giving: An Exploration of the Effects of Having a Charitable Orientation on Perceived Wellness.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Anand Mohan at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in Call Hall 140. The thesis topic is "Effects of Glycolytic and Mitochondrial Kreb's Cycle Intermediates on Myoglobin Redox Forms Stabilization."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Josephine Boac at 3 p.m. Dec. 16 in Seaton Hall 133. The thesis topic is "Handling Effects on Quality and Dust Generation in Grain and Feed, and Modeling of Grain Commingling in Bucket Elevators."

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OUESTION OF THE DAY

For a recap and analysis of the K-State's win over Washington State read **Pages 1** and **5.**

Frank Martin's technical foul ...

A) Was justified **B)** Was ridiculous **C)** Almost caused the vein in his forehead to explode

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Friday's results: Do you think K2, a marijuana-like substance, will remain legal?

A) Yes: 43 % **B)** No: 57 %

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CONVERSION | Student details his conversion therapy, family's violent attempts to turn him straight

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Swanson said. "He just kept punching and punching until I blacked out."

This would occur six more times in roughly six months until Swanson's mother, Carol, said the hospital was not going to believe he had tripped or kept falling down stairs.

To this day Swanson said he cannot understand how the hospital did not acknowledge the physical evidence of parental abuse. He said the hospital dealt with the missionary community on a regular basis and he thinks they would never have believed "these Christians who are changing the world" would abuse their children.

"I was screaming trying to get people to listen, and they just said 'oh he just hit his head," Swanson said.

After seven hospital trips and no change in his sexuality, Swanson was confused and in a state of shock.

At this point Swanson said he did not even know what being gay was, or what was happening to him. His parents decided to take him to "therapy."

Reparative therapy in action

Swanson entered the room cautiously.

He remembers the light yellow walls, the bibles stacked on a coffee table, a comfortable couch, and a welcoming man.

Swanson said he cannot remember the man's name, a fact that bothers him to this day, but he does remember the man's gelled-up hair and glasses — a "coffee-shop cool guy look." Swanson still does not know whether the man he refers to as a "therapist" had formal training or certification in the field.

The man shook Swanson's hand and offered no hostility, causing him to think therapy was a much better option than his father's "solution."

Swanson entered a back room and the therapy started immediately.

"He said I was an abomination and the first session he listed all the religious reasons why I was evil," Swanson said. "Which to me actually hurt quite a bit, because I was missionary kid and I had memorized all the verses he was reading to me."

Swanson said although he had memorized most verses the man referenced, he never truly knew what they meant and felt miserable that he was being damned.

The pair met every other week and during the second meeting Swanson was informed about the gay life he led. Swanson was falsely led to believe he had AIDS.

"Because all gay people had AIDS. Then he showed me everything that would happen with AIDS," Swanson said. "He said you've already got this. You're going to die, but we need to make sure you change before you die."

For a 14-year-old who had had almost no contact with the

For a 14-year-old who had had almost no contact with the world outside of missionary compounds, Swanson was terrified. He said he believed every word and wished he could change, hoping God would cure him of AIDS if he were to become straight.

Having AIDS was not the only lie his "therapist" told him.

"This is probably the most insane thing I have ever heard but I completely believed it until I got to college. That there were no other gay people in the world, the government found gay children and killed them," Swanson said. "Somehow I had gotten through and the government would find me and kill me. My parents had already told me this, but he concreted it"

As a result of this news, Swanson said he stayed awake for six nights fearful that his life was over.

But now he understands that his parents and the therapist sought his complete emotional and mental breakdown to ensure he would disconnect from his homosexual attractions. He referred to those two months as the "mental torture" portion of his therapy.

PHYSICAL TORTURE BEGINS

Swanson remembers moving to a new room for the remainder of his therapy. Unlike the first, this room lacked a comfortable couch. Instead he was seated in a chair with

straps dangling from its arms.
"They hadn't really explained male-male interaction. I understood that my affection toward another male was wrong, that was the abomination and that is what was killing me," Swanson said.

Swanson said it was repeated that he should like girls, and he feared if he didn't there would be repercussions.

After he was seated, each of his hands was strapped to the arm of the chair and softball-size ice blocks were placed in each palm. Then photos of men touching appeared on the screen. At times a heterosexual couple was shown, and the ice was removed. The ice was left on his palms, causing freezing pain, as many photos of homosexual men were shown.

"It was supposed to associate if I touched another man, I would feel pain. Which first of all really confuses a kid because he's been hugging his father for years," Swanson said.

The therapy lasted two sessions, each for one hour, and worked so well that years later when a gay man embraced him, Swanson literally screamed as pain surged all over his hody.

The ice proved to be only the beginning. The week he returned after his final ice session, the man introduced heat.

Swanson was again strapped to the chair by his hands. Again photos were shown, but this time, there was a level of intimacy that had lacked in the previous sessions.

The men were embracing or perhaps kissing on the cheek and Swanson received intense amounts of heat transferred through gel pads applied to his hands.

"Now it was the burn constion." Swanson said. "I still

"Now it was the burn sensation," Swanson said. "I still had, for a few years, a huge pink mark across my hand because it would literally burn your skin."

Swanson said the man continued to show photos, and turned the heat on or off depending on whether they were of a heterosexual or homosexual nature. The only relief Swan-



Photo Illustration by Matt Binter

One K-State student, who wished to remain anonymous, was given reparative therapy as a child, in an attempt to turn him straight. During the procedures the student was strapped to a chair and shocked with electricity when shown an image of two homosexual men.

son found was when the pads were removed, temporarily, to turn his hand over to avoid causing permanent burns to his skin.

ESCAPING THE PAIN

It was after this round of therapy that Swanson first tried to commit suicide. As ironic as it may seem, Swanson said he was terrified of pain. After five torturous therapy sessions he was willing to do anything to end his life, but was left with few options since he wanted to avoid a painful death.

"My first time was a simple overdose," Swanson said. He was prescribed a heavy dose of pain medication because of his therapy and decided to take 10 pills and just go to sleep.

The pills did not kill him, but caused him to sleep for nearly two days. His parents took him to the hospital, but to this day Swanson has not told his family or the hospital about his intentions.

HURTING ALL OVER

Trying to believe his parents and therapist were acting for his own good, Swanson said he continued with the program and was introduced to its final stage: electricity.

"Very very thin needles were inserted into my fingers, on all 10 fingers, still strapped down, and then the rest of my body was strapped down because they knew what was going to happen," Swanson said.

As the man turned on the electricity, the pain was so horrible, Swanson still cannot understand why his mother sat in the lobby and did not race to rescue him as he screamed.

All types of adult images were portrayed on the screen during the electric-shock sessions. The therapist spoke very rarely but with emphasis.

"I block out a lot of things, but I remember him saying, 'this is evil,' the first time I saw a picture of a man and a man

in bed together. I'll never forget that one," Swanson said. While recounting his electric-shock therapy Swanson stares ahead in a haze. He repeatedly adjusts his pant legs

and shifts in his chair.

"Electricity was excruciating," Swanson said with a look of intensity. "I have no way of describing to people how hard I screamed; it was excruciating pain. The pain was horrible I would loose bowel control, consciousness, mental capacity, so many things with the electricity."

The abuse was overwhelming; it had gotten to the point where Swanson feared riding in the car, thinking he was going to therapy.

Clinton Anderson, associate executive director and director of the LGBT concerns office at the American Psychological Association, said he is unaware of any evidence that would support using electric-shock therapy to change a sexual attraction.

"There is no reason for a child or adolescent to go through treatment to change their sexual orientation, from the APA's standpoint, because we do not view it as bad or wrong," Anderson said. "Certainly electro-shock therapy has been used for many years, primarily, for depression. There is some evidence electro-shock can have a role for people dealing with severe depression."

However, Clinton said he does not think that treatment would work to change sexual orientation.

Swanson believes he is living proof that the pain of several electric-shock therapy sessions will not alter sexuality.

"Once we got to electrocution my life was hell. I couldn't eat. I couldn't sleep. We were homeschooled so my education was OK," Swanson said. "My parents were smiling every night, like everything was OK, like 'this is working on our kid."

Read the Collegian tomorrow for the rest of Swanson's story, and keep reading each day this week for the next part of this special series.



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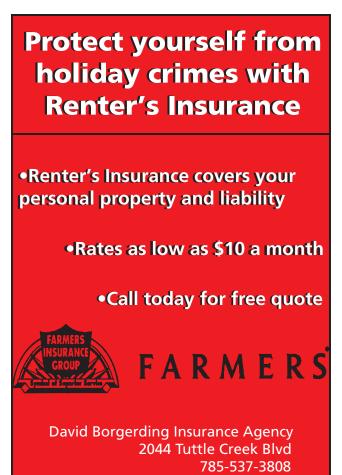
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CLASH WEEK

Unicorns: Friend or foe?



Illustration by Whitney Bandel

Many mythical creatures are just that: mythical. However, not the unicorn, because it is just as real as you and me.

According to the United National Investigative Center on Restoring Nature Successfully (UNI-CORNS), unicorns once roamed the Earth in large numbers, with a strong population in Europe.

Through human construction came natural destruction This eliminated al-

most all of the natural habitat for unicorns, causing the overall

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population to plummet. "It's tragic," said Seymore Butts, official spokesperson for UNICORNS. "While it is not only our duty to help revive the unicorn population, we consider it a huge priority ... It would be intergenerational oppression if unicorns were to become extinct."

UNICORNS's colossal effort to help restore the unicorn population has been admirable and heroic at the least. Part of the majesty of these beautiful creatures is their iconic ability to remain free.

'Unicorns are fierce yet good, selfless yet solitary, strong yet agile," said Gia Jo, leader of PURE (Prevent Unicorns from becoming Really Extinct), the leading unicorn organization in the western hemisphere. "They roam free and only fear pure evil, as they can only be captured by malevolent means."

Jo provided her greatest example of evil. She explained how the now dead Lord Voldemort had slain at least two unicorns so he could drink their blood, as reported by the biographical series, Harry Potter.

"Science has empirically demonstrat-

ed that drinking the blood of a unicorn will keep you alive, even if you are an inch from death," explained Dr. Harry Hiney, professor of exotic animals at Stanford University.

The idea that there are still unicorns on this planet may seem incomprehensible. This is completely understandable, as it was only two decades ago that two lost hikers stumbled across the find of

"We were tired, scared and almost hopeless when we both saw something under some fallen forage," described Noah Buildaboat. "It was the color of pure gold, so naturally, we both ran over and picked it up. Embarrassingly enough, it was not gold but poop.."

Later, both Buildaboat and his companion were able to find their way, and when they returned they shared their story. UNICORNS was the first organization to take the report seriously and investigated the area the hikers had described

"Upon our arrival and investigation, we were able to find and analyze more unicorn feces," Butts said. "Additionally our field team became ecstatic when we

stumbled upon hoof prints." It is strange to think there is a chance we can save unicorns from extinction, especially when past generations have already written these creatures off.

Many might see these animals as too feminine, fake or frivolous, but Unicorns are strong, loyal, righteous and exempli-

Unicorns deserve our most forefront effort to ensure the survival of their spe-

Bobby Gomez believes unicorns are the Bill Snyders of the animal kingdom. Please send comments to

Creatures need aid to survive Evil beast out to destroy world

Throughout history, people have had to exterminate species that have posed a threat to mankind. For example, when

those big mean dinosaurs decided human flesh was pretty tasty and started to eat Ooga and Moda for lunch, the other cave people jumped in and began to kill the dinosaurs.

Scientists claim a meteor or an ice age caused the extinction of the dinosaurs, but this is how it really happened. Well, now

there is another creature that needs, nay deserves, the same treatment the dinosaurs had: unicorns.

CHUCK

FISCHER

Unicorns have been the leading cause of turmoil in the Middle East for some time now. Once the Ottoman Empire fell, it was only natural the unicorns become the next rulers of the land. Like most empires, the Unicornian society was eventually dwindled back to the mountainous terrain of Pakistan, India, Afghanistan and into parts of Tajikistan.

However, the unicorns have risen again with numerous black market weapons allegedly bought from Stark Industries. These weapons are capable of rendering anyone within their range paralyzed by a mysterious powder fired from the weapon. Scientists are calling the mysterious powder Pixie Dust. Leading weapons analysts believe unicorns probably bought copious amounts of Leprechaun powder and have done some chemical altering to it in order to make it at least 40-times stronger.

So, what can be done? Well, I believe we should stop using conventional weapons against the unicorns and switch to chemical warfare.

Right now, everyone who is reading this should stop what they are doing and go to Canada. Buy your cheap prescriptions and while you're there, pick up a syringe of mercury-based asbestos. This liquefied, totally dolphin-free chemical is the key to defeating the uni-

To help fight the unicorns, you can either send your syringes of asbestos to North American Free Trade Agreement, or drive to Atlantic City and ride the party barge to the Indian Ocean where you will then be given a map, a canteen of whiskey and sent on your way.

Now, I would suggest everyone serve their country in the latter manner because by not delivering your own lethal dose and relying on the government to do it for you, will have delayed effects. There simply are not enough employees of NAFTA to administer the doses in a timely manner.

Upon delivery of the dosage, you might be trampled by the angry unicorns, but this should pass quickly once they start to ascend to outer space. This happens because the asbestos make the unicorns high, so high they think they are a kaleidoscope. I mean, the unicorns literally think they are flying. That is where the mercury comes in: It temporarily grants them the power of flight. By the time the asbestos wears off, the unicorns will be in space and out of oxygen, and that should kill them.

Now I know that sounds like a painful death for such a majestic creature. But trust me, they may look nice, but looks are deceiving.

Chuck Fischer would like you to know this article was written in a completely sober, drug-free state. No animals were harmed in the making of this article. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

Worth not decided by sexuality

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

We at the Collegian are happy a fellow K-State student would stand up against reparative and conversion therapy by allowing us to tell his story.

Considering the brutal reaction of the student's father and the accompanying physical abuse from the therapy, this approach to changing a child's sexual orientation should be illegal.

Reparative and conversion therapy operates under the premise that sexual orientation is chosen and, according to the article, there is no scientific evidence this is true.

Parents and guardians have a legal and ethical responsibility to protect minors in their care. Instead of spending time trying to change children, those caring for a homosexual child should invest more time in educating themselves and others. Children deserve to be encouraged and appreciated for who they are, not forced to change themselves to what their guardians want them to be.

We hope this story, continued tomorrow, shows readers there are real faces behind these types of drastic approaches to change sexual preference.

As the next generation of potential parents, it is our hope your children are loved and the walls of hate are torn down.

THE FOURUM 785-395-4444

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Dear Fourum, I could do a better job editing than your editor could. Thank you.

You know you're a college

student when you ask for laundry detergent for Christmas. To the man who owns the Ford

truck with the rebel flag on it: You are my hero. Keep on trucking my southern brother.

Dear Fourum, I'm sitting here piping on a front porch, but I can't handle the Scotch. Is there any other way I can become a gentleman, or am I just done?

Bad news everyone: Mangino jokes are no longer relevant.

I know after Calc. 1 tests the students are handed ice cream. Why after EP2 tests can't I get a

Jack and Coke?

Yeah, I'm trying to drive back to Manhattan on Bill Snyder Memorial Highway and it's snowing like crazy and there's ice covering the road. This is unacceptable.

To the girls holding the "We love Wally" sign at the basketball game: We love you.

I just saw a guy with a really grizzly beard. I guess he hasn't figured out that it's December

Great. Way to tell the whole campus how to get legally high. Soon we'll be no better than Lawrence.

Beth Mendenhall is contradicting herself. More pot means more munchies. More munchies means eating more cows and chickens.

In the words of Bill Snyder, "The Fourum doesn't matter."



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KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN news@spub.ksu.edu Kedzie 103, Manhattan, KS 66506 KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

Fighting for a win



PLAYER OF THE GAME

Dominique Sutton, junior, scored a career-high 16 points and frustrated WSU star-guard Klay Thompson all night defensively.



STAT OF THE GAME

50 fouls, the call was mostly even, slowed down the game and took

away some of V Control away some of K-State's momentum.



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Sophomore forward Jamar Samuels, and freshman guard Martavious Irving grab for a rebound over Washington State forward Charlie Enquist during the first half of the Wildcats' win in Bramlage Coliseum Saturday.

Wildcats show dramatic improvements in win

Going into the Saturday night game against Washington State, the Wildcats

had taken the last 29 of 30 games in Bramlage Coliseum. K-State continued its streak by delivering an 86-69 win against Washington State.

From the breakneck speed of senior guard Denis Clemente, to sophomore forward Victor Ojeleye playing right out of his shoe, to head coach Frank

Martin's first career technical, to junior forward Dominique Sutton's enthusiastic high five with a front-row fan after a three-point play, it was evident the Wildcats cared.

ASHLEY

DUNKAK

With 17 turnovers and multiple sloppy plays, the Wildcats did not execute flawlessly or play an absolutely complete game, but they fought hard and looked like they wanted this win. The difference was even though a 20-point spread existed for a good portion of the game, the Wildcats still played like they needed to fight back from a deficit.

Martin often stood, paced, or, in certain moments of exasperation, perched on the scorers' table – arms and feet crossed with "the look" smoldering on his face. All of this occured as he screamed instructions and encouragement with heart-stopping intensity. He desired to win, and it looked like the players did too.

What stood out most were threepoint shots. The Wildcats were 10-of-22, and the Cougars only scored on one of six attempts. Another marked improvement for K-State came from the foul line, where the players shot 22-of-29. Half of the makes came from Pullen, who went 11-of-11 from the line. He and Clemente both scored 21 points.

K-State appeared to improve defensively. The forwards were consistent helping out on the baseline, which made it harder for the Cougars to convert in the paint. The Cougars also had 25 turnovers and K-State scored 49 points off those, which was the most they scored since the statistic was first kept in 2005.

The Wildcats held Cougar sophomore guard Klay Thompson to 10 points in the opening half, and he had three traveling violations in the opening minutes and an offensive foul later in the game. After coming into the game as the nation's second leading scorer, he finished the game with 22 points and nine turnovers, which is a credit to the defense of Sutton and

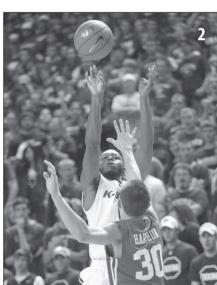
Five minutes in, the back-to-the-basket play of freshman Wally Judge and junior Curtis Kelly served as an excellent example of the difference between a college veteran and a novice. When Judge got the ball inside, he hesitated to turn and square up to the basket, and when he did turn, he never quite got all the way around, and lost the ball out of bounds. Later, he tried to lay the ball in softly when a dunk was in order. Kelly, on the other hand, went aggressively to the hoop most times he touched the basketball. It was simply a matter of confidence that comes with experience.

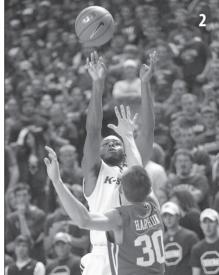
The good part of inexperience, though, is the untapped potential, and the Wildcat freshmen certainly had plenty. Judge played nearly half the game and had a positive impact overall. Martin said he earned the start and was pleased with his effort. Freshman guard Martavious Irving had back-to-back threes as part of a 10-point run in the first half. Freshman guard Nick Russell added another threepointer and played significant minutes in the game.

Though Martin sounded hoarse at the

post-game press conference, he seemed the most pleased thus far with the team. He said they improved each practice from Wednesday through Friday and prepared to win. The results showed he was right.

Ashley Dunkak is a freshman in pre-journalism and mass communications. Please send comments to sports@spub.ksu.edu.







1. Assistant coaches **Brad Underwood** (left) and **Matt Figger** (right) restrain Head coach **Frank** Martin after he received a technical foul. It was Martin's first-ever technical foul.

Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN 2. K-State guard Jacob Pullen shoots over Washington State guard Michael Harthun during the first half of their game in Bramlage Coliseum Saturday. K-State won 86-69. Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

BASKETBALL Wildcats force Cougar mistakes,

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contain Thompson

goals. The K-State defense played particularly well, forcing 16 turnovers during the period and putting Thompson on the bench with three personal fouls.

'Going into the locker room I told them at halftime, 'Hey we're doing everything we're supposed to do," Martin said. "'We're playing the game the way we talked about doing it. In the second half, let's take the same shots and they're going to go in for us."

The second half brought more for Wildcats fans to cheer about. Early in the period, Sutton converted a steal into a breakaway layup that resulted in a foul and a basket. As the crowd erupted into cheers, Sutton high-fived a fan sitting courtside in celebration.

Throughout the second half, the Wildcats answered scoring runs by the Cougars with runs of their own. The Cougars were able to pull within 15 points early in the second half, but never got any closer.

After the game, Thompson gave credit to the K-State defense for forcing him into mistakes early.

"It was good defense, I think I forced it on a lot of possessions, especially off the dribble, I forced it too much," Thompson said. "I have to give it to them - they played good defense, they played good team defense. They put a lot of pressure on the ball and we turned it over, we just came out flat."

Notes: Wally Judge got his first start of his career in place of Jordan Henriquez-Roberts. Martin said he "earned that right" in practice this week. When asked about the technical foul after the game, Martin said he "acted like a jerk, and I deserved it. That's the referee's job."

Go to kstatecolleaian.com for videos of K-State's win, and of Frank Martin's technical foul.



WEEKLY FAN POLL - DEC. 7

Will you attend any K-State games over winter break?

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

If the men's basketball team makes the NCAA Tournament, how far will it go?

- A. First Round -69 votes (23%)
- B. Second Round 84 votes (28%) C. Sweet 16 – 77 votes (25%)
- D. Elite Eight 14 votes (5%) E. Final Four – 5 votes (2%) F. Title Game - 52 votes (17%)

Total votes: 301

Vote online at kstatecollegian. com and check next Monday's issue for this week's results.



K-STATE ATHLETIC SCHEDULE: AUG. 31 - SEPT. 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 🦭	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Men's basketball vs. Xavier 8 p.m. Bramlage Coliseum (Live on ESPNU)			Track and field at Carol Robinson Winter Pen- tathlon, all day in Manhattan (indoor season opener)	Track and field at KSU All-Comers, all day in Manhattan Men's basketball at UNLV, 6 p.m. in Las Vegas, Nev. (Live on FSN)	Women's basketball vs. Northwestern, 2 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum

All about the eyes



Photo Illustrations by Chelsy Lueth

Winter makeup has new rules, looks can be more dramatic

By Reyna Lay KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As the temperature drops and the wind and snow increases, many women struggle to find motivation to put makeup on in the morning. However, in all the haze of sweats, jackets, scarves and boots, it is important to remember the main accessory to any outfit is the makeup.

As temperature drops, skin often begins to look dull and pale, making it hard to think of ways to apply makeup. Lynn Magelli, guest services specialist at Gaia Salon in Manhattan, said one popular winter option is facial bronzer.

"Everyone loves the bronzers," Magelli said. "They give you a healthy glow, make you look like you just got a tan and sculpt your face, which makes it look like you've dropped some weight."

During summer, many women sport bright eyeshadows in colors like green, orange and yellow, but as the seasons change, so do the colors.

This winter, colors maintain a sense of drama, but have gone from retro bright colors to jewel tones.

Gail Urban, owner of Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Manhattan, said their new winter products focus on "heavy, rich colors such as jewel tones, deep purples and reds." He also said "golden accents" are pop-

ular this holiday season and gem colors are teal, bronze, gold, silver and amethyst.

'We

have

been ordering lots of silvers, berries, jewel tones and dark, bold, sheer colors for winter," said Megan Molitor, salon coordinator at Hair Experts Salon in Manhattan. "Some customers are also loving the icy eyes, pink, silver, and white eye shadows that have a bit of shimmer in it, making them

Not only are jewel-toned eyeshadows "in" this winter, but also dramatically-lined eyes.

Serving Size 1

Calories 617

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Cholesterol 548mg

Recipe makes 3 servings

Amount Per Serving:



liner with their bold eyes, either in deep purple or deep blue, and thick eyelashes with lots of black mascara," Magelli said.

One way to achieve a dramatic look with eyeliner is to use eyeshadow as eyeliner. Use a dark eye shadow, whether it is blue, indigo, purple or even black, and dip a very thin pencil brush into water, squeeze the water out of the brush, then dip the brush into the shadow. Then use the brush to line the eye. Be advised it will apply one shade darker than it

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Egg nog: traditional, holiday drink

Urban said this winter also features products that serve more than one purpose, such as eye pencils that have eyeliner on one side and highlighter on the other side, giving users the ability to add extra sparkle to more basic looks.

"The wonderful thing about winter makeup is that you can jazz it up a bit, especially during holiday time," Magelli said. "You can go beyond the daily makeup routine, and spice it up with a little more drama, and a little more boldness."

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES



Aries March 21 - April 19 Watch trashy reality TV shows, even if you think it's



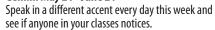
Taurus April 20 - May 20

Peter Pan says not to smile at a crocodile. Go ahead and do it anyway, just to see what happens.

pathetic. At least it will bring you some laughter.



Gemini May 21 - June 21





Cancer June 22 - July 22 For you, the Wabash is nothing more than an abdominal work out. Where is your school spirit?

Leo July 23 - Aug. 22 Do not worry your pretty little head about anything

other than your impending final exams.



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Attempt exactly 5.3 feats of Herculean strength, document them all, then use them to get a date.



Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Céline Dion songs were created for you to sing while holding a hairbrush. It is just that simple.



Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 21 Watch seven different musicals this week, and dress

up in character each time you watch one.



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Make it a personal goal to exceed 500 text messages in one 24-hour period.



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 Laugh hysterically at inappropriate moments in class



and enjoy your professor's reaction. Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Make a fort out of paper snowflakes stacked high enough to hide behind then have a food fight.

funny thoughts. Just do not think scholarly thoughts.



Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20 Think warm thoughts. Think happy thoughts. Think

6 eggs, beaten

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/4 cups milk 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/3 cup white sugar 1 pinch ground nutmeg

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large saucepan, combine the eggs, milk and 1/3 cup sugar. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture coats a metal spoon.

EGG NOG

Servings: 3

- 2. Remove from heat. Cool quickly by placing pan in a sink or bowl of ice water and stirring one to two minutes. Stir in the vanilla. Chill 4 to 24
- 3. Before serving, whip the cream and two teaspoons sugar until soft peaks form. Transfer chilled egg mixture to a punch bowl. Fold in whipped cream mixture and serve at once. Sprinkle each serving with nutmeg.



COURTESY PHOTO

PAGEANT | Winners take home cash prizes, various titles

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portion of the event. Muhwezi sealed her victory during the question and answer section.

All contestants were asked if organizations such as the NAACP and The Urban League were still important in the black struggle today considering the recent election of our first black president, and the appointment of our first black attorney general.

Muhwezi, a first generation American from Wichita whose parents immigrated to America from Uganda, explained discrimination in this country against African Americans as being systematic.

"It will take more than one organization ... It will take more than one black president to change all the oppression African Americans have faced for over 400 years," Muhwezi said.

Muhwezi also won Miss Career for her introductory speech and her appearance during the career wear portion of the pageant, and Miss GPA. Along with the title, Muhwezi won a \$500 scholarship for next semester.

Many audience members agreed with the judges' decision and saw Muhwezi as the clear winner of the event.

"She showed the most out of all the women as far as academic wise, as far as her speech and she just took it home," Ellis said.

Gernae Roland, senior in psychology, won the title of Miss Gold, or first runner-up, Miss Souvenir Book and Miss Sisterhood. Roland delighted audienc-



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Shannon Keys (left) and Karla Camacho (right) pose in their swimsuits during the swimsuit section of the Miss Black and Gold Pageant, which Camacho later won.

es and judges during the talent section of the pageant when she paid tribute to Michael Jackson by dancing to a number of his greatest hits. Roland received a \$300 scholarship.

Christa Martinez, freshman in family studies, took home the title of Miss Black, or second runner-up, as well as Miss Dedication for her commitment to the event. Martinez received a \$200 book scholarship for next semester. Shannon Keys won the title of Miss Diligence for selling the most tickets to the

Miss Black and Gold has traditionally been an event created specifically for African American women. However, this year two Hispanic women competed in the pageant: Karla Camacho, senior in American ethnic studies and social sciences, took home the title of Miss Swimwear, and Vanessa Acosta-Carrillo, junior in life sciences, won the title Miss Formalwear.

"I think they all did a really good job" said Antonio Cherry, a student at Junction City High School. "I think they all deserved to win."



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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy swings Christmas into McCain

By Frank Male KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The mood was jovial Friday night in McCain. The audience buzzed in quiet anticipation for the show about to unfold.

"I've been waiting nine years [for this]," said Austin Thayer, Manhattan resident.

Then the lights suddenly dimmed and the crowd hushed. All eyes were on a dark stage lit only by two green Santa gnomes. The introductory music began playing, a series of sharply dressed men waltzed onto stage, and with a short introduction from the announcer, rocked into their first song. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy had arrived.

On into the night, the nine-member set entertained audience members with new takes on Christmas tunes from their holiday album and band standards. The whole performance was anything but ordinary.

"You know what place I think about when I think 'Christmas?" asked band leader Scott Morris at one point during the performance. "New Orleans."

The band then launched into a strongly New Orleans Jazz-style version of "Frosty the Snowman." Other standouts included a Caribbean Christmas tune, several Cab Calloway covers and even a song sung by bassist Dirk Shumaker, "Is Zat

You Santa Claus?"

Voodoo Daddy kept up a swinging Dixieland feel for much of the concert, but the lyrics were not the only Christmas element. The band chose to bring in a unique Yuletide instrument

"The difference between a good Christmas song and a great Christmas song is jingle bells," Morris said.

Although the music was loud and strong, Voodoo Daddy strived for a complete package to create the big band feel. This meant moving around the stage, interacting with the audience, and in several cases, dancing.

"[The dancing] was interesting, and the musicians moved like in a Dixieland parade," said Mary Knapp, Manhattan resident. "It reminded me of a Mardi Gras party."

In between songs, Morris regaled the audience with tales and short stories. In one story, Morris said he believed for a time that a Santa had picked his pocket.

"I believe in Santa, and he wouldn't steal," said Donna Somers, Tonganoxie, Kan. "The stories were funny and made you feel connected."

Audience members, including head football coach Bill Snyder, gave Voodoo Daddy a rousing ovation after several of the virtuosic solos during the performance.

"I really liked the solo parts because they showcased their individual talents," said Karen Elliott, junior in business and hospitality management.

Ultimately, Morris was part-time dancer, conductor, vocalist, storyteller and guitarist, but a full-time entertainer for the night. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's "Wild and Swingin' Holiday Party" was met with overwhelmingly positive reviews.

"I would give the band a nine or ten out of ten," Thayer said.







Top: The swing group Big Bad Voodo Daddy played a Christmas show Friday before a crowded McCain Auditorium. **Left: Dirk Shumaker**, double bass player, switches between his instrument and vocals during the performance. **Above:** Lead vocalist **Scotty Morris** sings and plays guitar alongside the brass section composed of **Andy Rowley**, baritone saxophone; **Glen Markevka**, trumpet; **Karl Hunter**, saxophone and clarinet; and **Tony Bonsera** on trumpet.















